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Or one will catch a genuine enthusiasm in the happy swing of "The Lovers' Doxology" (p. 83):—

Listen, all lovers! the spring is here,
And the world is not amiss;
As long as laughter is good to hear,
And lips are good to kiss,—
As long as Youth and Spring endure,—
There is never an evil past a cure,
And the world is never amiss.

O lovers all, I bid ye declare
The world is a pleasant place;—
Give thanks to God for the gift so fair,
Give thanks for His singular grace!
Give thanks for Youth and Love and Spring!
Give thanks, as gentlefolks should, and sing,
The world is a pleasant place!

PIERCE BUTLER.

TEXAS VS. WHITE: A STUDY IN LEGAL HISTORY. By William Whatley Pierson. Durham, N. C.: The Seeman Printery. 1916. Pp. 103.

After our Civil War the theory of State sovereignty was dead. Under the radical onslaught led by Stevens and Sumner the doctrine of States' Rights itself seemed about to receive a mortal blow. In this most critical and dramatic period of American history the Supreme Court interposed, first, to preserve the old federal form of government, and, second, to re-interpret the Constitution after the decision just made by the sword. In this respect the case of Texas vs. White is all-important for the constitutional historian. Dr. Pierson reviews the whole history of the case, the arguments of the lawyers and the opinion of the Court. His sub-chapter on "The Location of Sovereignty in the United States" is particularly valuable in a valuable monograph.

S. L. WARE.

THE FRENCH REVOLUTION AND NAPOLEON. By Charles Downer Hazen. New York: Henry Holt and Company. 1917. Pp. 385.

There is as yet no really good one-volume history of the French Revolution in English. We, therefore, knowing the character of the work of the gifted author of *Europe Since 1815*, welcomed the present book from his pen with high hopes. We confess we

have been somewhat disappointed. In the first place it was not originally planned as an independent volume, but consists of chapters taken from a larger work, the author's *Modern European History*. As the present volume devotes 99 out of 365 pages to the Old Regime, a better title would perhaps have been *The Old Regime in Europe and the French Revolution*. Again in the book under review we miss the intimate knowledge and wide grasp of the subject-matter which distinguished the *Europe Since 1815*. Professor Hazen has too closely followed Aulard, even to the extent of making Robespierre "practically dictator" for nearly four months during the Red Terror (page 213), and of calling him a "hypocrite."

But these criticisms apart, the book is written with the author's usual charm of style and capacity for throwing into picturesque relief the points which he wishes to emphasize.

The printing and the ten maps in color, not to mention two maps in black, deserve the highest praise. S. L. WARE.

THE NULLIFICATION CONTROVERSY IN SOUTH CAROLINA. By Chauncey Samuel Boucher. University of Chicago Press. 1916. Pp. xi, 399. \$1.25.

In this book Dr. Boucher covers the same subject as Professor Houston in his monograph, *A Critical Study of Nullification in South Carolina* (New York, 1896). But whereas Houston is concerned with the theory of nullification from the standpoint of political science, and devotes about one half of his book to the antecedents of the critical period 1828-1833, Dr. Boucher, on the other hand, plunges at once into these critical years, and narrates with great detail issues and arguments between Union and State's Rights men respectively. Though he has not neglected MSS. nor pamphlet material, the author has drawn chiefly from a great number of South Carolina newspapers. In fact he has shown remarkable industry in collecting such a mass of editorial comment representing nearly every shade of political opinion throughout the state.

Eleven maps, covering the period 1830 to 1834, illustrate party voting in the various state districts. S. L. WARE.